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REPORT OF THE COM-

A few weeks ago it was announced in this paper that certain grave charges had been preferred regarding the internal management of the Asylum for the Insune, and that a Commission of Investigation had been appointed. Following are the charges, and the report of the Commission thereon, with a series of most enlightened recommendations for a thorough and radical reform in every department of the institution, its buildings and equipments.

Department of Interior

Honolulu, August 5, 1887. Mr. Sanford B. Dole, Handulu—Sir: Several scandalous and apparently well founded reports and complaints have come to me, concerning the present manage-ment and condition of the Insane Asylum in this air.

in this city.

The principal complaints which have been made to me are as follows:

1. That improper relations exist between the keepers and female patients.

2. That the keepers abuse and maltreat,

and do not give proper attention and care to the patients.
3. That the keepers are allowed to entertain lewd women in the Asylum.
4. That visitors are allowed access to the

Asylum without restraint to the injury of the patients. 5. That he Manager does not maintain discipline, or properly attend to his duties.

6. That the Manager employs the patients in doing work upon his private lands, instead of upon the lands of the Asylum.

That the Manager appropriates provisions which are supplied by the Government for the use of patients, for the use his private visitors, at times leaving the patients an insufficient quantity of food. Having confidence in your judgment and discretion. I hereby respectfully request that you will, in conjunction with Mr. Henry Waterhouse and G. H. Martin, M. D., examine the Insane Asylum, take the statements of the Superintendent, the attending Physician and Keepers, and of such other persons as you may think proper, expectning the foregoing charges, and report to me your findings of fact in regard to the condition and management of said In-

suggestions and recommendations as you may consider necessary or advisable. I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, L. A. Tauaston, Minister of the Interior.

Following is the Report of the Committee of Investigation: September 14th, 1887. To His Excellency L. A. Thurston, Minister of the Interior-Dean Sin: In pursuance of your letter of instructions, dated Department of Interior, August 5th, 1887, we have examined Oahn Insane Asylum and have investigated carefully the charges preferred against the Manager and keepers. We have also inquired into the management of the asylum, and the treatment of the patients confined

there, and do hereby submit the following report and suggestions:
First, as to the charges preferred against the manager and keepers. Charge No. 1. That improper relations exist between the keepers and female pa-

We have not found this charge substantiated in any single instance. Charge No. 2. That the keepers abuse and maltreat, and do not give proper atten-

tion and care to the patients. In some cases the keepers do not give proper care and attention to the patients. one occasion, a drunken keeper struck two of the patients, but he was immediately discharged. As none of them have ever had any particular training, or even proper in-structions as regards the care of the insane, it is hardly to be expected that they should perform their daties properly or intelli-

Charge No. 3. That the keepers are al-

lowed to entertain lewd women in the asy-One keeper has been allowed to have his mistress who has lived with him the past two years as his wife, and other keepers their wives with them at night when they were on duty. As it has been the custom of the keepers, who are native Hawaiians, to have their wives with them when they were on duty at night, and as this keeper's mistress lived with him as his wife, the manager

thought there was nothing wrong in allowing her to come. Charge No. 4. That visitors are allowed access to the Asylum without restraint, to the injury of the patients.

Visitors are never allowed around the Asylum, unless accompanied by the manager or attending physician. Charge No. 5. That the manager does not maintain discipline or properly attend to his

duties.

We find the management very poor in every department of the Asylam; but the every department, in the Government, fault is very largely with the Government, for no instructions have ever been given either to the manager or attending physician, as regards their duties or the relations that they should observe, one to another. Charge No. 6. That the manager employs patients in doing work upon his private lands, instead of upon the lands of the

The spring from which all of the drinking water of the Asylum is obtained is situated on a lot adjoining the Asylum premises, and belongs to private individuals. The manager lessed this lot, that he might control the water right. He has cultivated grass upon it, with the help of the patients, and sold it to pay the rental. He has also cultivated taro, which is not yet ripe, with the same help, and intends using it for the institution. He has also

other lands that he has near the Asylum. Charge No. 7. That the manager appro-priates provisions, which are supplied by the Government for the use of the pullents, for the use of his own private visitors, at times leaving the patients an insufficient quantity We do not find that the manager has ap-

propriated provisions for his own private table that should go to the patients, or that

employed the patients, to some extent, upon

he entertains visitors beyond a reasonable exercise of hospitality.

Second, as to the condition of the buildings of the Asylum. The buildings are all in are presentation of BREWER & CO. a very poor condition, and are in no way are not given.

suited for the purpose for which they are used. They are past repair and are infested with vermin. The kitchen and store rooms, which are presided over by prisoners from Oahu prison who do all of the cooking, were in a fifthy condition. The different rooms through the building. through the buildings were not as neatly kept as they might be, and the bedding was scant

and in bad condition.

Third, as to the care and treatment of the In the first place, there are not enough attendants to properly care for the patients, and those that are there, have nover had the proper instruction or training to enable them to perform their duties as they should. There are no female attendants at all, and the dressing, undressing, and bathing of female patients, is done by Hawaiian men, no matter what the nationality of the patient may be. A large portion of the patients are kept in an airing court during the day which is hot and uncomfortable. Viof lent cases are stripped of their clothing, and put into a stone cell, and kept there a day or two, with nothing to lie upon, except the stone floor, and with very little to eat. As the attending physician is at the Asylum but a few hours a day, the manager or keeper may confine a violent patient, and keep him confined as long as they see fit.

. During our visit, the patients were quiet and well-behaved, obeying at once the orders of the manager or attending physician. The food was, for the most part, good, and of sufficient quantity; but some of it was bad. The patients are allowed to sit around anywhere and eat, as there is no dining room or

dining room furniture.

The dispensary of the Asylum has not yet been found. There are no drugs, surgical instruments, or proper appliances for restraining violent cases, except the stone cell, in which the patients are liable to injure themselves seriously. Fortunately there has never been much sickness at the Asylum; if there had, there is literally nothing there to treat them with, and the patients could get well, or die, just as they chose.

In view of the existing condition of things, we do hereby make the following sugges-First,-That a medical superintendent be appointed, who shall have full control of the Institution, and be responsible for the management. He should reside at the Asy-

lum and should have the power to appoint and dismiss any of the officers under him. Second—That the Superintendent should have the following assistants: A purveyor or steward, who should have the immediate duty of buying supplies, the care and issuing of stores, the control of the kitchen department, and the general care of the buildings and grounds, under the direction of the Superintendent; a matron, one female nurse; seven male attendants, one chief cook and as many assistant cooks as may be needed; and such other officers or assistants as the Superintendent may deem necessary for the

proper management of the Asylum.

Third—That a substantial fireproof building be built, after the most approved plans for asylums, for the accommodation of 125 patients, and fully equipped, and also that a separate residence be built upon the grounds for the Superintendent.

Fourth-That water be laid on to the Asylum grounds. All the water that there now is in the institution has to be obtained from the spring before mentioned, and that is some distance from the buildings. In case of fire, the buildings would have to burn down, and lives would surely be lost; and, again, for cleanliness, a large quantity of water should be used, which now cannot be Fifth-A padded room should be at once

constructed, for the protection of violent Sixth-That a Board of Inspectors be appointed, to serve without pay, who shall visit the Asylum at stated intervals, and report to

the Department its findings. Seventh-That prisoners from Oahn Prison, who work at the Asylum, be at once withdrawn, and their places filled by responsible persons. Their influence is bad upon the patients, and they do not do their work The locks upon the doors of the patients' rooms are all different and have to be un locked by different keys. This should be at

once remedied, for in case of fire at night, the patients could never all be gotten out While all of these suggestions can not be acted upon at once, some of them can and should be attended to immediately. The ap-pointment of a medical superintendent and his corps of assistants, and the laying on of water pipes, are matters which should not

be delayed a moment, as they are of utmost importance. The necessity for a well equipped Insane Asylum in this Kingdom is great. Isolated as we are from the rest of the world, with an ever increasing foreign population, the proper means for the care of this unfortunate class, which of late years has been rapidly increasing, is of paramount importance. In this age of strife and competition, when everyone has to work to his utmost to obtain and hold a position in the world, it takes only a trilling reverse of the wheel of fortune, acting upon an over-wrought nervous system, to unbalance the mind, that most wonderful of all wonderful creations, and the most delicately arranged, and cast it into a living tomb to await the day when nature would ciain the rest of a being, which had perhaps years before gone out of existence. With proper cars and attention at the critical moment the individual might, many times, be saved and placed back into the world to

take his position in society, as before. We do not know when some one near and dear to us, or even we ourselves, may, through some unexpected and unfortunate train of circumstances, have to claim the benefits and protection of an institution of this character, and the importance of having such an institution fully equipped and ably managed

gestions may meet with your approval. we are, very respectfully, yours,
S. B. Dole,
H. WATERHOUSE, G. H. MARTIN, M. D.

Trusting that this report and these sug-

would then be restized.

assistance \$25.

Supplementary report of Committee of Investigation of the Insane Asylum: We further recommend that Section 3, of an Act to establish an Insane Asylum, ap-proved the 23d day of August, A. D. 1862, be amended by striking out the words "police and district," in the first and second lines, and by inserting the word "and" between the words "Supreme" and "Circuit" in the

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For the Committee,

Honolula, Sept. 16, 1887. Library Accessions.

following have been purchased from Ban-croft & Co.: That Queer Girl and A Woman's Word, by Virginia Townsend; As It Was Written, by Sidney Luska; Strange Case of Dr. Jekvil and Mr. Hyde, by Robert L. Staveoson: Story of Margaret Kent, by Henry Haves; Essays: Moral, Political and Æsthetie, Social Statics, Education, Synthetic Philosophy, Principles of Biology (two volumes), and Recent Discoveries in Science, by Herbert Spencer; Corais and Corai Islands, by James D. Dans; Souvenirs of My Tim, by Mrs. J. C. Fremont. Mr. A. J. Cartwright has, during the month, added a number of volumes to the list of his former kindly donations. The remaining volumes are presentations from persons whose names

Lahaina Letter

ED. GAZETTE: On the 21st instant an entertainment was given at the Union School to raise funds for repainting the Anglican Church. Magic lantern scenes, varied by an occasional song, made up the programme. The views were interesting, the singing snperb, and with the large and appreciative audience, the affair was all that could have audience, the affair was all that could have been desired. Following is a list of the musical selections: "There is a Green Hill Far Away," by Mrs. Barnes; a medley, by Mrs. Hayselden, which was encored, when she sang "Good By at the Door;" "Summer Flowers," by Mrs. Barnes; "The Hunter's Song," by Mrs. Hayselden and Miss Digkinson. "Good Night," from the magic apparatus, closed the successful entertainment. The affair netted about \$50. So seldem does one see either such as this or entertainments of a more social pature here that it is a of a more social nature here, that it is a pleasure to note at least one step in the right direction. We often hear of socials, parties, etc., at Hilo, Haiku and other places, and it is undoubtedly the privilege of all to enjoy the benefits of social intercourse. Why can-not we have them, too?

the benefits of social intercourse. Why cannot we have them, too?

The Inspector-General of Schools arrived by the W. G. Hall on Tuesday. Devoting two days to our local schools, he left on Friday for Wailuku on a tour of inspection. After making the circuit of this island, he will return to Lahaina, and will then be prepared to hold the examination of teachers here.

here.

Mr. Paiko is superintending the work of an appropriate tombstone and fencing for the grave of the late Autone Sylva.

As usual here the summer has been uncommonly hot. Outside the limit of irrigation and the sylval and the weakly of the sylval and the sylval and

everything is parched and dry. We anxiously await the periodical refreshment. Aithough it rains frequently back on the mountain tops, scarcely a drop ever reaches us from that direction. Fortunately, though, for the planters, on account of these rains there is generally no appreciable change in

the mountain streams. It is said a new union school house is to be built on the old English church premises adjoining the sea. This is indeed good news for all connected with this school. The old building at present occupied has long been complained of; added to a dilapidated state, in some cases the rooms are not properly ventilated. The site, as proposed for the new building, is a most desirable one. In this matter it is hoped the Board will speedily carry out their intentions. Laharsa.

A Change at Lahainaluna

ED. GAZETTE: - I send you herewith a trans-lation of a part of a letter to me from a arrow or a part of a letter to me from a prominent native on the Island of Mani. I am not informed as to the nature of the changes which have been alopted in the curriculum at the College of Lahainalana, except as I gather it from this letter.

If instruction in the higher branches of learning is to be dispensed with bereafter, and surveying

and surveying, geometry, astronomy and bookkeeping are no longer to be taught there, I should say the Board has committed a grave mistake. Labsinalona is the only institution where Hawaiians can acquire an education in the higher branches of learning in their own language.

The prominent, educated, influential Ha-waiians of to-day are, as a rule, graduates of Lahainaluna, and to change the character of that college at one stroke is, in my opinio as well as that of my correspondent, "a step backwards for Hawaii." For one, I should be pleased to have the Board of Education break its silence and in-

the public what they have done in the

THENSTATION. The scholars at Labainaluna are much displeased at the present Board of Education in stopping the instruction in the higher branches, which were always taught by our old Makuas, who have passed away—that is, surveying, geometry, bookingening, astron-omy, etc. They are also dissatisfied with the dismissal of Mr. Hitchcock and the appointment of this new teacher. I also join in this disapprobation, and we, who have children at Lahainaluna, feel that it is a step back-wards for Hawaii, and deprives this country

of a great benefit, The instruction in these studies should be revived, and the advanced position of this school preserved. On account of the stopping of this course of study, the boys in the ping of this course of actory, the coys in the first class feel that it is useless to remain there. Some of the parents are saying that this is an era begetting ignorance, and they lay the change to the Ministers or to the new

English Inspector-General.

What we desire very much is that instruction in those books that were prepared by our fathers (the missionaries), should be resumed. I am very sorry that Mr. Hitch-

cock is dismissed.

The Opium Case. Epiron Gazerre: - We are all aware of the these Islands in the matter of the so-called

Among the resolutions of June 30th was the following: "Third-In order so far as possible to remove the stain now resting on the throne, we request of the King that he shall cause immediate restitution to be made of the sum, to wit: Seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71, 000) recently obtained by him in violation of

law and of his oath of office, under promise

that the persons from whom the same was obtained should receive the license to sell opium, as provided by statute of the year 1886." To this resolution the King replied: "To the third proposition we reply that we do not admit the truth of the matter stated therein, but will submit the whole subject to our new Cabinet and will gladly act according to their advice and will cause restitution to be

made by the parties found responsible."

Three months have passed since that demand and the reply were made, and the public are entitled to know if the King's pledge has been fulfilled.

Has he submitted "the whole subject" to P. S.-We have expended for clerical the Cabinet? If so, has his Cabinet advised him what to

do in the matter? Has he acted on their advice? Has he caused restitution to be made? The community, from Hawaii to Niihau, are interested in the matter and have a right to know the facts. The Legislature convenes very soon, and

action cannot be much longer deferred.

A Hawaiian Subject. Honolulu, September 29, 1887.

Gazette's Kohala Letter ED. GAZETTE: The energetic Mr. Tulloch is hard at work on the Kohala Telephone Company's line. He assures us that everything will be working satisfactorily in a very few weeks. We wonder whether it will be possible to make any connection with our late Government Physician, Dr. L. S. Thompson, there being many persons anxious to communicate with him.

We are pleased to notice the thorough manner in which our new Road Supervisor is doing his work. Jim is the right man in

Our present Court house is in a most di-lapidated condition and a disgrape to such a district as ones. Will not the coming Legis-lature do something in the matter? We hear there is an excellent site for a Court house to be obtained at Puehuehu. By way of breaking the monotony of Ke-hala, a moonlight pienic is on the tapis for Monday. Backelors, look ent!